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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION

APPLICATION NUMBER: 09/771,537

TITLE: "Physical and Digital Secret Ballot Systems,"

FILED: January 29, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,

(1) The applicant respectfully contends, in response to the attached "Notice of figure was deposited with the application with the nonprovisional application papers, as evidenced by the following:

(a) The transmittal letter, a copy of which is attached, indicated explicitly "41 sheets comprising 41 figures" as item 7.

(b) Substantially the same figure was contained in the Provisional Application by the same applicant, titled "Voting Systems," U.S. PTO 60/177717 01/27/00, on which priority has been claimed by the present nonprovisional application. (The figure was labeled "First Pass" and the reference numbers were omitted, a copy being attached.) A copy of the postcard is also attached.

(c) The same figure 10 was included in the co-pending PCT application filed on the same date, PCT/US01/02883. A copy of the postcard is also attached.

(d) The applicant routinely includes postcards with complete details, and is in the process of searching for that from this application, for which more time may be needed, which time is respectfully requested.



Also attached, in this matter, please find the Notice and a check for \$130.

(2) Furthermore, attached please find a set of formal drawings to replace the informal drawings submitted with the application.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script that appears to read "David Chaum". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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